

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims/Amendments

Claims 1-12, 26-34, 43, 44 and 63 are pending. Claims 10, 11, 26-34, 43, 44 and 63 are allowed. Claims 1-9 and 12 are rejected.

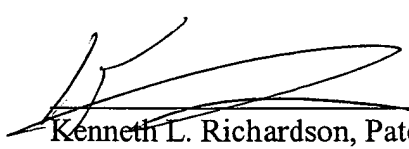
The claims as amended do not contain new matter. Lettering of the subparts of claim 26 has been corrected. Claims 1-9 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to expedite the allowance of the present application.

II. Conclusion

Applicant submits that the present paper is a complete response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of this case to allowance, Applicants' undersigned representative earnestly requests a telephone conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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